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LETTER SUBMITTING SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 14, 1998


Sir:

Attached hereto is an executed Declaration of the inventor that properly claims the priority of the earlier filed Provisional Applications. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the enclosed Declaration of record in the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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